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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON THREE PETITIONS FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK, SEPARATELY SUBMITTED BY DTC CABLE, INC., HEART OF THE CATSKILLS COMMUNICATIONS, INC. D/B/A MTC CABLE, AND MOHAWK NETWORKS, LLC

WC Docket No. 09-197

Comments Due: August 2, 2018 Replies Due: August 13, 2018

The Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on three separate petitions for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in the state of New York for the purpose of being eligible to receive Connect America Fund (CAF) support, as awarded by New York's New NY Broadband Program for state and CAF support (New York Program).¹ One of these petitions has been filed by DTC Cable, Inc. (DTC Cable),² one by Heart of the Catskills Communications, Inc. d/b/a MTC Cable (MTC Cable),³ and one by Mohawk Networks, LLC (Mokawk Networks).⁴

DTC Cable seeks designation as an ETC in all areas in the state of New York where it was awarded CAF support through the New York Program. Pursuant to the New York Program, DTC Cable must serve 712 locations in 118 CAF-eligible census blocks.⁵

¹ See Connect America Fund, et al., Order, 32 FCC Rcd 968 (2017).

² DTC Cable, Inc. Petition for Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation, WC Docket No. 09-197 (filed July 2, 2018), https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10702031317423/ETC%20application%20FCC%20

DTC%207-2-18.pdf, errata, https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/1071141030872/Revised%20CAF%20block%20list.pdf
(filed July 11, 2018), errata, https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10711218101092/ETC%20errata%20cover%20
letter%20II.pdf (filed July 11, 2018).

³ Heart of the Catskills Communications, Inc. d/b/a MTC Cable, Petition for Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation, WC Docket No. 09-197 (filed June 29, 2018), https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10629141204899/ ETC%20application%20FCC%20Heart%20of%20the%20Catskills.pdf.

⁴ Mohawk Networks, LLC Petition for Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation, WC Docket No. 09-197 (filed July 2, 2018), https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10702207127677/Mohawk%20FCC%20ETC%20Designation%20 Application%20-%20FINAL%20filed%207-2-18.pdf.

⁵ See Wireline Competition Bureau Announces FCC Deadlines for New York Broadband Program Winning Bidders, WC Docket No. 10-90, Public Notice, DA 18-510, Attach. A (rel. May 18, 2018) (summarizing estimated CAF awards of winning bidders participating in the New York Program).

MTC Cable seeks designation as an ETC in all areas of the state of New York where it was awarded CAF support through the New York Program. Pursuant to the New York Program, MTC Cable must serve 1,659 locations in 177 CAF-eligible census blocks.⁶

Mohawk Networks seeks designation as an ETC in all areas in the state of New York where it was awarded CAF support through the New York program. Pursuant to the New York Program, Mohawk Networks must serve 1,286 locations in 206 CAF-eligible census blocks.⁷

Interested parties may file **comments on or before August 2, 2018**, and **replies on or before August 13, 2018**. All pleadings must reference **WC Docket No. 09-197**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.⁸

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⁷ *Id*.

⁶ *Id*.

⁸ See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998).

disclose proceeding under the Commission's rules. Persons making ex parte presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). ¹⁰ Persons making oral ex parte presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the ex parte presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation.¹¹ If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter's written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. 12 Documents shown or given to Commission staff during ex parte meetings are deemed to be written ex parte presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b).¹³ In proceedings governed by rule 1.49(f) or for which the Commission has made available a method of electronic filing, written ex parte presentations and memoranda summarizing oral ex parte presentations, and all attachments thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system available for that proceeding, and must be filed in their native format (e.g.,.doc,.xml,.ppt, searchable.pdf).¹⁴ Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission's ex parte rules.

For additional information on this proceeding, please contact Nissa Laughner (<u>Nissa.Laughner@fcc.gov</u>) of the Wireline Competition Bureau, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, (202) 418-7400.

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⁹ See 47 CFR § 1.1206.

¹⁰ *Id.* § 1.2016(b)(2)(iii).

¹¹ Id. § 1.206(b)(1).

¹² *Id*.

¹³ Id. § 1.1206(b)(2).

¹⁴ Id. § 1.1206(b)(2)(i); see also id. § 1.49(f).